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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff, : 07 CIV 6017 (DAB-KNF)

- against - : <u>Document Electronically Filed</u>

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.,

: DEFENDANT'S RULE 7.1
: DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Defendant.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable judges and magistrates of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned attorneys of record for defendant Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., state that Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. is a publicly held corporation whose shares

are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and has no parent company. Based upon information and belief, the undersigned further states that no publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of the common stock of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Dated: New York, New York September 10, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on September 10, 2007, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendant's Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement by the Electronic Case Filing system and U.S. first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the following counsel of record for plaintiff:

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